

IN THE CLAIMS:

The following is a complete list of the claims now pending; this listing replaces all earlier versions and listings of the claims.

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Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~A printing system in which a host device and a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in said host device is transferred to said the printer to execute printing, comprising:~~

memory means in which paper output place information on the paper output place used in said print job is registered;

requisition means for issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

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retrieval means for retrieving the paper output place information on the designated print job from said memory means; and

information means for informing the paper output place information on the designated print job, obtained by said retrieval means, to the user, in response to issue of said the request by said requisition means.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A printing system according to claim 1, further comprising detection means for detecting papers stacked on said the paper output place of said printer, and elimination means for eliminating information on the print job having used the corresponding paper output place from said memory means when said detection means detects that papers have been removed from said the paper output place.

Claim 3 (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said memory means or said retrieval means is provided in said printer.

Claim 4 (original): A printing system according to claim 1, wherein said memory means or said retrieval means is provided in said host device.

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Claim 5 (currently amended): A method for controlling a printing system in which a host device and a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in ~~said~~ the host device is transferred to ~~said~~ the printer to execute printing, said method comprising the steps of:

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registering paper output place information on the paper output place used in ~~said~~ the print job in memory means;

issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

retrieving the paper output place information on the designated print job from the memory means; and

informing of the paper output place information on the designated print job, obtained in said retrieving step of the user, in response to issue of ~~said~~ the request in said requisition step of issuing the request.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A method for controlling a printing system according to claim 5, further comprising the step of eliminating information on the print job having

~~used the corresponding paper output place from the memory means when papers have been removed from the paper output place of the printer.~~

Claim 7 (previously presented): A method for controlling a printing system according to claim 5, wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in the printer.

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Claim 8 (previously presented): A method for controlling a printing system according to claim 5, wherein said registration step or said step retrieving is performed in the host device.

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Claim 9 (currently amended): A computer-readable memory medium which stores a control program for a printing system in which a host device and a printer are connected via a communication medium and a print job produced in ~~said the~~ host device is transferred to ~~said the~~ printer to execute printing, said program comprising ~~the steps of~~:

code for registering paper output place information on the paper output place used in ~~said the~~ print job in memory means;

code for issuing a request of paper output place information for enabling a user to specify a paper output place used in a designated print job, according to an instruction from the user;

code for retrieving the paper output place information on the designated ~~print job from the memory means; and~~

~~code for an inform step, of informing of the paper output place~~
information on the designated print job, obtained in said retrieval step, to the user, in response to issue of ~~said~~ the request in said requisition step.

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Claim 10 (currently amended): A memory medium according to claim 9, further comprising code for storing the step of eliminating information on the print job having used the corresponding paper output place from the memory means when papers have been removed from the paper output place of the said printer.

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Claim 11 (currently amended): A memory medium according to claim 9, provided in the printer as a memory medium which stores the program for the printer to perform wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in the printer.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A memory medium according to claim 9, provided in the host device as a memory medium which stores the program for the host device to perform wherein said registration step or said retrieval step is performed in the host device.

Claim 13 (previously presented): A method for controlling a printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process of a print job and plural sheet storage units, said method comprising:

a request step, of issuing a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job designated based on a user's operation, according to an instruction from the user; and

~~a notification step, of notifying the user of the storage unit specifying~~
information corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the issue of the request in said request step.

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Claim 14 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, further comprising a storage step, of storing, in a memory unit, the storage unit specifying information of each print job capable of performing management concerning which print job uses which sheet storage unit,

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wherein, in said notification step, ~~notifies~~ the user is notified of the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job in response to the issue of the request in said request step, through a retrieval process for retrieving the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job requested in said request step from among the plural storage unit specifying information stored in the memory unit.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 14, wherein the storage process of the storage unit specifying information in said storage step is performed by ~~said~~ the printer.

Claim 16 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 14, wherein the storage process of the storage unit specifying information in said storage step is performed by a host device capable of transmitting a print job to ~~said~~ the printer.

~~Claim 17 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, wherein the~~
issue of the request of the storage unit specifying information in said request step is performed by a
host device capable of communicating with ~~said the~~ printer.

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Claim 18 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 17, wherein
execution of said request step causes at least any of plural units including an application unit, a
utility unit, a printer driver unit and an interface driver unit of ~~said the~~ host device to generate
inquiry data based on the request.

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Claim 19 (previously presented): A method according to Claim 18, wherein the
inquiry data is composed of plural data including command data for instructing an inquiry
concerning the storage unit and job data for specifying the job.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 17, wherein said
notification step ~~enables to notify~~ includes notifying a user of ~~said the~~ host device of the storage unit
specifying information, by causing a display unit of ~~said the~~ host device to display the storage unit
specifying information in response to the issue of the request through ~~said the~~ host device in said
request step.

Claim 21 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 17, wherein the
issue of the request of the storage unit specifying information in said request step can be performed
through ~~other~~ another device different from ~~said the~~ host device.

~~Claim 22 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 21, wherein said notification step enables to notify includes notifying a user of ~~said other~~ the another device of the storage unit specifying information, by causing a display unit of ~~said other~~ the another device to display the storage unit specifying information in response to the issue of the request through ~~said other~~ the another device in said request step.~~

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Claim 23 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 21, wherein ~~said the~~ printer, ~~said the~~ host device and ~~said other~~ the another device can mutually communicate through a network.

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Claim 24 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, wherein said request step ~~can issue~~ includes issuing the request of the storage unit specifying information for enabling the user to specify the sheet storage unit used for the designated print job designated based on the user's operation, from among the plural sheet storage units of the plural printers including ~~said the~~ printer and ~~other~~ another printer, according to the instruction from the user, and

said notification step ~~can notify~~ includes notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information for enabling the user to specify the sheet storage unit used for the designated print job from among the plural sheet storage units of the plural printers including ~~said the~~ printer and ~~said other~~ the another printer, according to the issue of the request in said request step.

Claim 25 (currently amended): A method according to Claim 13, wherein said notification step ~~enables to notify~~ includes notifying the user of the storage unit specifying.

information according to the issue of the request in said request step, within at least a period from print completion of the designated print job to removal completion of the sheet for the designated print job from the sheet storage unit.

Claim 26 (previously presented): A printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process of a print job and plural sheet storage units, comprising:

request means for issuing a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job designated based on a user's operation, according to an instruction from the user; and

notification means for notifying the user of the storage unit specifying information corresponding to the designated print job, in response to the issue of the request by said request means.

Claim 27 (previously presented): A method for controlling a printing system which includes a printer having a print unit for performing a print process of a print job and plural sheet storage units, said method comprising:

a request input step, of inputting a request of storage unit specifying information for enabling a user to specify the sheet storage unit used for a designated print job designated based on a user's operation, the request being issued according to an instruction from the user; and